GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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MAJOR AND MEDIUM IRRIGATION PROJECTS
NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review the performance of ongoing major and medium irrigation projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to launch an effective policy for the expeditious completion of such projects which have been lagging behind of their schedule; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Irrigation projects are conceived, planned and constructed by the State Governments with their own funds. However, Government of India had in 1996-97 launched a Central Loan Assistance Scheme under the name "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme" to assist the State Governments to complete long pending Major and Medium irrigation project. Minor irrigation projects in the KBK districts of Orissa and the North-Eastern States of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir have also been included under the programme from the year 1999-2000. Government of India assistance is currently provided in the ratio of 3 :1 for Special Category States and in the ratio of 2 : 1 for other States.